

**REMARKS**

The claims are 1 to 7.

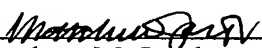
The above amendment is presented to eliminate improper multiple dependency.

Favorable action is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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